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school reorganization in the State of Nebraska, as we hear a lot about, having served on local school boards and served as Chairman of the Douglas County School Reorganization Committee for six or seven years, and knowing what this problem is. It's a tax problem, nothing else. We can call it anything else we want to. We're going to have to do something like this to alleviate this problem. This Legislature passed, I believe in 1967 or 8, a bill to help fund public schools that has never been funded. That indicated the intent of this body. That intent, for some reason or other unknown to me, has never been carried out. Really that's all we're trying to do now is to carry out the intent that this body voted in '67 or '68. I believe that to fund that bill at that time would have taken \$89 million. We never funded it beyond the \$35 million point until two years ago when we added some revenue sharing funds. A local school district that I'm involved with, and I think this is a fairly set pattern across the State of Nebraska, are facing from a 5 to a 10 mill increase in property tax levy to support their schools the next fiscal year. I think this is intolerable. We cannot continue to go this route. I'm not saying they don't need this money. I think that we, as a public and we as a Legislature in some instances, have demanded and mandated that schools do certain things. They have to have the money in order to carry out these mandates, both from us and from the public whom they serve. Just this morning we passed a bill that will take 2 1/2 mills to support community technical colleges, which I have opposed all the way. Nevertheless, this body saw fit to support them primarily from property taxes. This is another obligation thrust on the property taxpayer. Here we have an opportunity to relieve that to some degree and help prevent, not reduce, property taxes. I'm not that naive. To help prevent astronomical increases in the property tax levy by adding a little bit of state aid each year, until we get to the desired level that's in the Koch-Duis bill facing us now. I think we should consider each issue that we're going to consider this afternoon on its merits and not on personalities, not on the Legislature, not on the Governor. I probably will not be supporting very many overrides. I think is one that's essential. We should support the motion to override this veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. In 12 years I have never had a doubt in my mind how I would vote on an override if one occurred for state aid to schools. I suspect with that history, when I push the button I will push yes. I cannot help but look back to some of the things that have occurred. There's no doubt in my mind that the principle purpose of the referendum was one and one only, that was an attempt to keep property taxes the main ... at least by the promoters ... was to keep property taxes the principle support for whatever reason they had for a long time to come. They did so with a great deal of misinformation upon the effect of that tax. I also am